

**Weekly services at St Thomas a'Becket**

Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
9.45 am Parish Eucharist and Children's Groups  
5.00 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday 7.00 pm Eucharist in Church

Each Second Tuesday Healing Service in Church during the Eucharist

Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Morning Prayer is 9.00am Monday to Thursday, 8.30am Friday, 9.30am Saturday.

Evening Prayer is 5.00pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We remember those who have died: Anne Atkins

Noah Keet, Benjamin, Dominic and George Vida, James Hatch, Nu and Lebo Sefole, Michael Henderson, Eva Barston were baptised.

Pagham Harbour WI meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Pagham Village Small Hall 2-4pm. Please phone 01243 262434 for information.

**August** – Social Event

**My Sister's House (MSH for short)**

*My Sister's House CIC is the only Women's Centre in West Sussex. We provide support, information, advice and more for women of any age, with any issue. Our accessible women-only drop in is a safe, confidential space.*

*To find out more, visit our website or get in touch.*

108c London Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1BD [www.mysistershouse.info](http://www.mysistershouse.info)

Phone: 01243 697800 Email: [office@mysistershouse.info](mailto:office@mysistershouse.info)

**Polymyalgia Rheumatica and Giant Cell Arteritis support group**

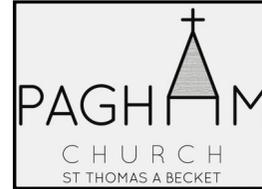
We meet monthly on the second Wednesday, from 2.15 - 3.45pm in the Pagham Small Hall, Pagham Road, PO21 4NJ. Call 263866 for more details.

You may like to sponsor an edition of Good News for a significant celebration or in memory of someone who has died. It costs about £50 to produce an issue. Cheques can be made payable to Pagham PCC and sent c/o The Vicarage, 38 Kings Drive, PO21 4PZ. Many thanks.

**The Life Centre:** A confidential space for survivors of abuse and their supporters to offload. If you are a survivor or wanting help in supporting a survivor you can use our help-lines to talk through any aspect of what you have gone through and how it is affecting you. *text helpline: 07717 989 022 for adults tel: 0844 847 7879 for under 18s tel: 0808 802 0808*

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# Good News

## August 2019

*Year of Vocation Prayer Intention:*

*All service industries that provide for our daily needs*

### Prayer for August

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,  
Lead thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead thou me on.  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

*(from the hymn by John Henry Newman)*

**The streets we will pray for this month are:**

Pagham Road, Payne Close, Pilgrims Way, Princes Croft, Priors Way, Priory Close, Pryors Lane, Pyrford Close, Queensmead, Regis Avenue, Ross Close, Sandy Road.

### CALLING ALL BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS!

As part of the Diocesan Year of Vocation, we are producing a Parish Mosaic. Send in any photo of Pagham life and the combined photos will make a large image of parish life.

Photos to be e-mailed to Graham Jones:  
[grahaminsunnybognor@gmail.com](mailto:grahaminsunnybognor@gmail.com)

**This edition of Good News is kindly sponsored by**  
**Michael Morrison in memory of his parents**  
**David and Bessie.**

## Letter from the Vicar

Dear brothers and sisters, this really is my final letter and I suppose not really the “vicar’s” letter as we will have moved to Wimbledon on 31 July! Quite a few people have said over these final months that they have some kind of connection to Wimbledon and other parts of south London. I guess that’s not a surprise given the move southwards from London when Londoners feel like a change of lifestyle, sometimes associated with retirement. So, we’re going the other way and you never quite know to what... Until a few months ago most of what I knew about Wimbledon could be mapped out from Roger Federer and Uncle Bulgaria (that the former sadly lost another epic final and the latter and company are quite hard to get hold of at a reasonable price on DVD I am not taking too personally). Having had several trips up there now for interview and preparatory meetings, I know a little more, and it looks like somewhere that will be home and with lots of useful work to do. But we never really know what lies ahead in life, whether day by day or in these more conscious and bigger changes. When I first heard about Pagham and, indeed, when I was instituted as vicar on 12 June 2012, there was no indication of spit, Environment Agency, Natural England, PAG, Pagham Flood Defence Trust and so on! Would such foreknowledge have made me think

again? By no means! Yet this illustration may show that it is rather a good thing (I think) that only God has such foresight.

And not knowing surely has an element of excitement and adventure, as well as giving legitimate space for human freedom of action. We know there will be changes, but God empowers us to work with them through the model of His Son, guidance from the scriptures and the gift of the Spirit.

Now it is August and a quieter or holiday time, perhaps not the time for enacting big decisions (but sometimes they thrust themselves upon us). And, in any case, it might be time to get prepared for the next change in, the next chapter of, life. These decision-times and transitions can, of course, induce doubt, uncertainty and anxiety, as well as the excitement and anticipation. To contain all of this maelstrom of feelings, I have been saying to a few school assemblies that they should hold on to the last words of Jesus in Matthew 28:

‘And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

So, if you are moving house, changing job, relationships shifting and evolving, passing through joy or sorrow, remember you are never alone; that there is a fixed point uniting you to God and to all that endures.

Mark Eminson

Felpham & Middleton Horticultural Society

## FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 17th August 2.00pm—4.30pm

St Mary’s Centre, Grassmere Close, Felpham PO22 7NU

Admission: £1, Children Free

**Teas                      Produce Stalls                      Tombola                      Raffle**

Schedule & Entry Forms from: Mr D Faircloth—587753

‘Fermata’, Yapton Road, Middleton on Sea

## POP19 — PAGHAM ON PARADE 2019

Not long to go until the most amazing village show in West Sussex!

POP 19 – Pagham on Parade!

**Sunday 18th August 2019                      11am – 4pm.**

*If you have a classic car or know anyone who has, could you please reserve a place at Pagham on Parade 2019 by contacting the Parish Clerk at [clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@paghamparishcouncil.gov.uk) or download a booking form from the Pagham Parish Council website. Telephone: 01243 266424*

BBQ, craft & other stalls (all now fully booked) refreshments, bar, live music, children's fun fair, arena events, grand raffle and much much more!

*Free entry but donations appreciated. All proceeds to local charities.*

## New Community Choir in Pagham!

Boost your well being and have fun! Come and join us at your new community choir in Pagham. We meet at St Ninian's Church Hall, Pagham Road on Thursday lunchtimes from 1.00pm - 2.15pm. (Term time only) Your first session is free and then £5.00 a week to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Call Hilary or Paula for more details on 01243 842150 or 07501923735 or email us on [info@musicmart.org.uk](mailto:info@musicmart.org.uk)

## St. Thomas à Becket - Pastoral Care Team

You are welcome to contact us if you would like a visit. You – or someone you know might be bereaved, lonely, unwell, housebound or simply welcome a friendly chat. Contact Trudi Kearsley on 263597 or email [pastoralcare@paghamchurch.org](mailto:pastoralcare@paghamchurch.org) and a visit will be arranged.

## Monthly Teapot Café at St Ninian's Church Hall, Pagham Road.

*This new enterprise. set up by Pagham United Reformed Church, runs on the first Tuesday of the month, between 10 am and 12 noon. We welcome carers, those they care for, and anyone needing company, in a dementia friendly atmosphere.*

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits are provided free.

The church has a large car park and disabled access.